

Ringed Tern in South Africa.

From the Report of the South African Museum at Capetown for 1921, we extract the following item:—"An interesting addition has been that of an example of the European Common Tern, *Sterna fluviatilis*, ringed in Sweden (Göteborg Museum), and shot at the Berg River, Cape Prov. on the 24th of December, 1921. The bird turns out to have been ringed in 1913 and was thus nine years old. The species is not uncommon in Table Bay at the non-breeding season."

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Dr. E. HARTERT has recently returned from Cyrenaica (Tripoli), where he has been spending a few weeks collecting for the Tring Museum.

Rear-Admiral H. LYNES, C.B., and Mr. WILLOUGHBY LOWE returned home from Darfur in May last, bringing with them very extensive collections in every branch of Natural History, including a fine series of bird-skins. We hope to publish a report on these before very long. We also offer our congratulations to Admiral Lynes on his promotion to Flag-rank.

We learn that Dr. C. E. HELLMAYR, of Munich, has been appointed Associate-Curator of the division of birds in the Field Museum of Natural History at Chicago, and will take up his appointment this autumn.

Capt. S. A. WHITE, who has already done much exploration work in South Australia, is engaged on a journey across the Australian continent from north to south by a new and hitherto unexplored route.

A good many ornithologists from overseas have recently been paying a visit to England. Among them may be mentioned Dr. JONATHAN DWIGHT of New York, a Fellow of the

American Ornithologists' Union, and Dr. JOHN C. PHILLIPS of Wenham, Mass. The last-named is preparing a new work on the Ducks of the World, and spent some days in the Natural History Museum examining the collections. Dr. Dwight is specially interested in the plumage development of the Gulls, and has also devoted some time to the Museum collections. A third visitor is Mr. T. GILBERT PEARSON, the President of the National Association of the Audubon Societies, who has been enquiring into bird-conservation in Europe, and who has addressed both the B. O. Club and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on this question. From Australia we welcome Mr. E. ASHBY and Mr. C. L. E. ORTON, both members of the Royal Australian Ornithologists' Union.